issue order for the local supply of medicines pending replenishment by the stores to ensure continuity of treatment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a)and (b) There is a prescribed procedure of intending, storage and replenishment of medicines in CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries in the Capital. Each dispensary sends its regular indent as per schedule programme issued by Ayurvedic store once in a period of 30—40 days. There is a provision of replenishment of medicines by supplementary/By Hand indents as and when required. There is also a provision of local purchase of medicine through Local Chemist in case of non-availability of formulary items in the Ayurvedic Store. Non-formularly items, if prescribed by specialist are also procured through local chemists and supplied to the beneficiaries by the Medical Officer I/C within a week's time. Instructions do exist to maintain buffer stock of essential medicines.

By and large the supply of medicines in the Ayurvedic dispensary Sector XII, R. K. Puram is satisfactory.

(c) In view of above (a) and (b), the question does not arise.

National Malaria Eradication Programme

512. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Malaria Eradication Programme has failed to achieve the desired objectives and Malaria is on the increase; and

(b) whether in view of this dangerous situation, Government propose to appoint a high powered Malaria Commission consisting of Parliamentarians, research scientists, and malarialogists to review all aspects in details so that the programme can be suitably modified and made cost-effective?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No. The Modified Plan of Operation for Malaria is being implemented w.e.f. April, 1977. Since then, there has been marked reduction in malaria incidence in the country. From 6.47 million cases recorded in 1976, these declined to 1.66 million cases in 1987.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in incidence of Malaria

513. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaria is on the increase despite 40 per cent of the Central Health outlay having been allocated for the Malaria Eradication Programme which was launched thirty years back in 1958; and

(b) whether the reasons for this situation have been identified and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No. There has been a decline in the incidence of malaria during current year as per the reports received from the State/UT health authorities till September, 1988 as compared to the corresponding period of 1987 as under:

	Malaria cases	P. falciparum
1987 . . .	5,76,149	1,82,590
1988 . . .	5,63,415	1,62,364

(b) Does not arise.

Use of Plant Phylanthus

514. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plant phylanthus niruri has been found effective against hepatitis B virus under controlled tribals conducted at PGIBMS, Madras if so, the details thereof;